

## FINAL FALL COUNCIL TO CONVENE IN PORTLAND OCTOBER 21-22

When the delegates gather in Portland on October 21-22 for the Fall Council they will be going so for the last time. The churches which have volunteered to host this meeting include Highland UCC, Second UCC and St. Andrew's Community UCC. The Council will convene with dinner on Friday evening at Highland church. Saturday the Council will move to Second/St. Andrew's where members of those two congregations which share a common facility will host the delegates.

The agenda for the Council - which is a delegated meeting involving 3 delegates from each church plus the possibility of a 4th delegate if under 25 years of age - includes the following items: presentation of the proposed 1984 Conference Budget with each Conference department having the opportunity to present the program and activities which would be supported by the budget; a stewardship presentation including the outline of a process by which the Conference will develop a new mission statement; recognition of The Reverend Ted Edquist who will be retiring from his post as Associate Conference Minister; presentations on General Synod and the Assembly of the World Council of Churches; a presentation on establishing church growth goals; and the adoption of the proposed budget.

Prior to the convening of the Council, on Friday afternoon from 2 to 5, there will be an opportunity for new delegates to be oriented and for persons interested in the World Council Assembly and General Synod to receive a fuller report than will be given at the Saturday session of the Council.

Under the new Conference By-Laws, adopted at Spring's Assembly, there will no longer be a Fall Council. Instead there will be two meetings of the Assembly each year allowing for fuller representation from local congregations.

## WOMEN TO GATHER AT REGIONAL EVENT

Women from the Northwest will gather at Kahneeta November 3-6 for purposes of leadership training, nurturing, worship, exploration of issues dealing with women and others, affirmation of themselves, their faith and their environment, and envisioning a greater faith, service and quality of life for all. All of this will take place through keynote presentations and 20 workshops.

Coming to Kahneeta to meet with the women are two leaders of national stature: Harriet McGeehan, member of UCC Executive Council, immediate Past Chair of Coordinating Center for Women, recipient of Distinguished Volunteer Award of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and Dr. Docia Carlson, member of UCBHM, recipient of 1983 Antoinette Brown Award for outstanding women in UCC, and currently a member of the staff at Church of Beatitudes in Phoenix, Arizona.

For further information contact registrar, Dorothy Schlegel, Box 265, Forest Grove, OR, 97116.

## 1983 SUMMER CAMPING UP-DATE

According to Associate Conference Minister, Gene Ross, the number of participants in the 1983 camp season increased approximately 45% over 1982 figures. All youth camps at Pilgrim Cove and Camp Adams, except for the Junior Camp at Pilgrim Cove, showed increased numbers. Ross suggests that several factors are involved in the increases: the addition of a new camp for 3rd graders at Adams; the lengthening of the camp for 4th graders at Adams; the instituting of a bus service to Pilgrim Cove from eastern Idaho; a successful family camp at Adams. He speculated further that the discount incentive for early registrants and the establishment of a registration deadline earlier in the year encouraged churches to promote camping earlier and got families to make their Summer plans earlier.

## NEIGHBORS IN NEED

On October 2, most congregations in the United Church of Christ will receive the Neighbors in Need all-church offering to help disadvantaged people throughout our nation.

This year, our gifts will aid:

- American Indian members of the United Church of Christ who need theological education to strengthen church leadership.

- Communities in our country needing peace-making ministries to expand the network for peace.

- Dying persons and their families who need special ministries in hospice care.

- Poor and minority communities who need aid in battling the locating of toxic waste facilities in their communities.

- Immigrants who need support in fostering leadership development in their communities.

- Family farmers who need the support of the church because of rapidly-changing agricultural circumstances in our country.

- Disinherited persons in our cities who need to know that the church has not forgotten them.

Please give generously and reach out to our "neighbors in need" this year!

## NICD COMMITTEE REPORTS

New Initiatives in Church Development continue in Central Pacific Conference churches with money now coming in being split 50/50 with national NICD effort, according to Ginny Co-coordinator of the Conference effort. Commitment to Boise Pilgrimage has been included with only the sale of the land yet negotiated.

Nearly \$123,000 has been pledged to the conference effort by 22 churches. Campaign in several churches are still underway. Payment on pledges has already commenced. The 50% retained by the Conference will be banked until a future project is identified.

Nationally, commitments are past the halfway mark with nearly all 8 million dollars pledged from over 2,000 congregations. Fifty-three and 27 renewed projects have been funded, including Pilgrimage, have had to be terminated.

According to Ms. Cooper, church members in churches which have not conducted a NICD campaign who want to contribute to the Conference effort can do so by directing their contributions through their local church treasurers to the Conference NICD campaign. By so doing the church will be credited for the contribution.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the NICD campaign you are invited to contact Ms. Cooper.

## KEY DATES

October 1 - JED Teacher Training Event  
Savage Presbyterian, Portland

2 - Gorge Cluster Youth Event  
Condon

- Portland Metro Clusters Youth Event  
Hillsdale Community Church

8 - Idaho Church Growth Event  
Boise, Wright

15 - JED Teacher Training Event  
1st Congregational, Eugene

16 - Willamette Val. Cluster Youth Event  
1st Congregational, Eugene

21-22 - FALL COUNCIL  
Portland

29 - JED Teacher Training Event  
Richland, WA

February 17-20 - MIDWINTER

May 4 - 6 - ASSEMBLY



## The Local Scene

First Congregational Church, Salem, has employed Cheron Mayhall as their new Director of Christian Education and Youth Programs. Cheron has been a member of the church since 1977. She has a doctorate in counseling from OSU.

Bert Fenton Duvall will be inaugurated as the fourteenth President of Pacific University on Saturday, October 1. Dr. Duvall comes to Pacific from a post as vice-president for development of college relations at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida.

The Congregational Church of Medford has a new Intern Minister. He is Dennis Johnson who, with his wife, Leslie, and three children, moved to Medford in early September from St. Louis where he is a student at Eden Seminary.

First Congregational Church, UCC, Idaho Falls, celebrated their 25th Anniversary on September 24. Part of the celebration included a burning of the mortgage on the building. The Rev. Jeff Barton is Minister in Idaho Falls.

Through an agreement between the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries and First Congregational Church, Ashland, The Rev. Norman Broadbent is assigned leadership responsibilities for a community organizing effort in the Ashland-Medford focused on the impact of the economy on human service needs.

Caren Caldwell has begun her internship at First Congregational Church, Boise. Caren, a member of Forest Grove UCC, is now a student at Pacific School of Religion.

Bethel Congregational Church, White Salmon, has welcomed their exchange pastor, The Rev. Arthur Ickie, from New Zealand. Bethel minister, Ted Olland, in the meantime, is in New Zealand. Arthur is accompanied by his wife and daughter, Catherine and Alice. Welcome!

During the Summer The Rev. Henry Nickerson began his ministry at First Congregational Church, Hillsboro, and The Rev. Gerald Bertsch arrived to begin his ministry at Community Church of Cedar Hills.

Dr. Robin DeVour, a member of Meridian UCC in Wilsonville, has recently begun a support group for those persons in the Portland area losing their sight. Robin, himself legally blind, is eager to be in touch with others who could benefit from such a support group. He can be contacted at 692-2626.

## UCC ELECTS NEW SECRETARY



The Rev. Carol Joyce Brun, White Plains, NY, was elected secretary of the 1.75 million member United Church of Christ here today. Replacing the Rev. Joseph H. Evans, St. Albans, NY, who is retiring after 16 years in the post, she is the first woman to be voted an officer of the United Church of Christ and

has achieved the highest post of any woman in a mainline Protestant denomination.

The Assistant for administration to the United Church of Christ president since 1976, Ms. Brun, acted as manager of the office of the secretary of the denomination from 1976 to 1977, when Dr. Evans served as president. From 1974 to 1976, she was director of research and program development with the denomination's Center for Social Action, and from 1972 to 1973, she was staff assistant to the United Church's Task Force on Leadership Development. She was assistant to the director of the Continuing Education for Professionals programs at the University of Missouri-St. Louis from 1969 to 1972. Ms. Brun is a member of Scarsdale Congregational United Church of Christ, NY.

## JED TEACHER TRAINING EVENTS SLATED FOR OCTOBER

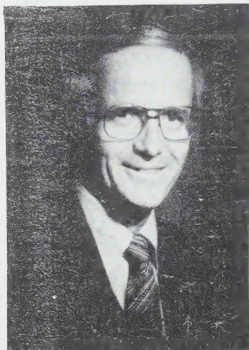
October is the month for teacher training across the Conference. Cooperating ecumenically, a team of CPC educators, who attended a Joint Educational Event for teacher training last December, is offering church school teachers a day-long training event to help them develop and maintain effective and well-integrated Christian Education programs in the local church. Currently three events are planned:

- October 1 - Portland, Savage Memorial Presbyterian Church
- 15 - Eugene, First Cong. Church
- 29 - Richland, WA, Northwest United Protestant Church

Flyers and registration forms have been mailed to local churches. Plans are being developed to offer a similar event in Idaho.



## The Last Word



The late church historian Kenneth Scott Latourette once referred to the ecumenical movement as "The Great New Fact of Our Time". He was pointing to the remarkable turn of events which meant that in our century, after 400 years of increasing separation, churches have begun to move toward reunion. During the first sixty years of our century, the focus was on Protestant movement toward reunion. The Life and Work Movement, Faith and Order

Movement, International Missionary Council, World Student Christian Federation, and World Council of Churches were all expressions of the desire "that they may all be one". Our own denomination, which announced, at its formation in 1957, its intent to be a "united and a uniting church", uses the words "that they may all be one" on its symbol.

During the past twenty years, the ecumenical movement has become more truly worldwide (iokoumene means the whole inhabited earth). The Orthodox have become part of the World Council of Churches, and, since the Second Vatican Council, Roman Catholics have become active participants in ecumenical events and organizations at nearly all levels, although Catholics are not full members of the WCC.

The reality of all this came home to me in power while at Vancouver, B.C., July 24-August 10 at the Sixth Assembly of The World Council of Churches. What used to be a movement, and an organization, that was largely composed of Protestants from North America and Western Europe has become something truly worldwide, and pan-Christian. The results are stunning, exciting, inspiring.

The experience of worship, while rubbing elbows with people of every race, using many languages, variously garbed in habits, saris, dashikis, aloha shirts, clerical collars, etc., was powerful in itself. Much more significant, however, was the way we worshipped. We sang

in tunes, meter and harmony of every continent. We prayed about "persecution, famine, and distress" because they were daily realities for people in our company. And we found that our common book and our common belief gave us a bond of incredible strength. It was renewing, energizing, inspiring. And it was possible because there are now, in over one hundred nations, countless gathered local congregations of Christians, who meet every week to hear the word, break bread, share the cup, sing, pray, and join hands. Our worship was fueled by the energy and the worship expressions of the "grass roots".

The World Council of Churches is not perfect. It has its problems, its blind spots, and its paparazzi of parasitic critics. But the very fact that it exists, and that it can sing and state the Gospel as a global, ecumenical community towers over all of the things that it is not. The world needs it. We need it. And - praise God! - The Spirit has given it to us.

- Donald J. Severson

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